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1. The reply filed on 2-27-02 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

a) The amendments to pages 1 and 78 of the specification are improper under 37 C.F.R. 1.121 because no marked-up copies of these specification amendments were provided. Appropriate correction is required.

b) The Applicant's claim amendments and additions have introduced a number of improper multiple dependent claims in the application. Claims 8-10, 12-17, 19-21, 23-25 and 131-146 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim should refer to other claims in the alternative only. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, these claims therefore cannot be further treated on the merits. In addition, as at least several of those dependent claims noted above were previously objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(a) (see paragraph 4 of the previous Office action) appropriate correction to those previously objected dependent claims was not made because of the improper multiple dependent claim problem that now exists in those claims. Appropriate correction is required.


2. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hal D Wachsman whose telephone number is 703-305-9788. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 7:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marc Hoff can be reached on 703-308-1677. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-7722 for regular communications and 703-308-7722 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.


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